

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation allowance of the pending application. The examiner's statement of reasons for allowance cites specific features or combinations of features of various claims as supporting their respective allowability. Applicant maintains that each independent claim is allowable based on one or more unique features recited therein, and do not believe the novel aspects of the claims to be so limited to the specific feature or combination of features as indicated in the examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. Additionally, the statement of reasons for allowance contains references to features that do not appear in every independent claim. Applicants do not believe the novel aspects of the claims to be limited by such language in the examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. For example, the reasons for allowance states "McClelland...fails to disclose identifying a first shipment of goods based on the information about the shipment of goods, then transmitting wirelessly the inspection results." However, at least independent claim 22 fails to recite a feature such as "transmitting wirelessly the inspection results." Applicants do not waive any arguments based on other

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features recited in the statement of reasons for allowance that are not recited in one or more claims.

Respectfully submitted,  
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